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CALTRANS COMPLETES TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 299 IN WEAVERVILLE

Trinity County – Caltrans today announced it has completed a \$560,000 project that will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians on State Route 299 in downtown Weaverville. The project was funded primarily (\$305,000) by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

"My focus has been and continues to be ensuring that California gets the maximum benefit from the Recovery Act. With the help of billions in stimulus dollars, we're putting people to work and building better roads, bridges, and transit for Californians," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

A popular tourist destination, Weaverville has heavy recreational and pedestrian traffic during summer. Traffic enters the town from a rural two-lane highway with a 55-mph speed limit, coming down a steep grade. In Weaverville's historic downtown, the speed limit drops to 25-mph. The steep downgrade coupled with a sudden change from a rural highway to a busy "Main Street" often results in vehicles speeding through downtown Weaverville. To enhance safety and promote walking and bicycling, the project built new crosswalks, bike lanes, specially marked highway islands, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and improved the landscaping.

"Now that the project is complete, motorists can transition safely to lower speeds as they enter downtown," said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim. "With the help of Recovery Act funding, we were able to make Weaverville's historic downtown a safer place for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists."

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated nearly \$2.5 billion in Recovery Act funding to 946 highway, local street and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>.

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